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Petersburg, November 24.

THE foremoſt Body of the Troops which are returning from Walachia, is expected in the Neighbourhood of Kiow by the End of this Month. It being unneceſſary, ſince the Concluſion of Peace with the Turks, to poſt ſo great a Number of Men in the Lines of the Ukraine, as in preceeding Years; the greateſt Part of the Armies commanded by General Lacy and Count Munich will have their Winter Quarters aſſigned them in the Provinces of this Empire which lye towards the Baltick; ſo that next Spring, if the Circumſtances of Affairs ſhould require it, an Army of 80000 Men may be drawn together on the Frontiers of Finland, and one of 60000 in Livonia. Proviſions for ſubſiſting ſuch great Numbers, are already brought into the Czarina's Magazines.

Berlin, Dec. 12, *N. S.* Preparations are making for the Reception and Entertainment of the Court of Wolfenbuttel, which is expected here ſome Day next Week. An Incident happen'd a few Days ago at Francfort on the Oder, which makes not a little Noiſe here. Nine Soldiers, all Engliſh, belonging to General Schwerin's Regiment, which is quarter'd in that Town, form'd a Deſign to deſert, which they executed by forcing, Sword in Hand, the Guard at one of the Gates. The Commandant being in Doubt whether a greater Number was not concerned in the ſame Deſign, did not think proper to order a Detachment to go in Purſuit of them, but ſent two Officers on Horſeback, who were directed to try if they could bring them back by gentle Repreſentations and Promiſes of Pardon. The ſaid Officers overtook the Deſerters at half a Mile's Diſtance from the Town, and after they had ſpoke to them, finding their Perſuaſions had no Effect, they rode up to ſome neighbouring Villages, and brought with them a great Number of Boors armed. The Deſerters not diſcouraged at this, put themſelves in a Poſture of Defence, and engaged with the Boors, of whom they killed ſeveral, and mortally wounded one of the Officers who headed them; but being at laſt overpowered by Numbers, and five of the Soldiers being mortally wounded, they were forced to ſurrender; and we ſince hear that three of them were to be ſhot as Yeſterday or this Morning.

Hague, Dec. 15, *N. S.* The Deputies of ſeveral Towns who had returned home during the late Adjournment, being returned, the States of Holland met on the 10th Inſtant, and reſumed their Deliberations upon the Queſtion of augmenting their Forces.

Whitehall, December 11.

His Majeſty has been pleaſed to appoint Lieutenant Colonel James Cockran, of Colonel Oglethorpe's Regiment of Foot, to be Lieutenant Colonel to Colonel Charles Douglas's Regiment of Marines.

Major Henry Dabſac, of Brigadier General Reade's Regiment of Foot, to be Lieutenant Colonel to Lieutenant General Tyrrell's Regiment of Foot, in the Room of Lieutenant Colonel Wynyard, preferr'd.

Major John Cotterel, of Brigadier General Guiſe's Regiment of Foot, to be Lieutenant Colonel to Colonel Edward Wolfe's Regiment of Marines.

Major Cuthbert Elliſon, of General Nevill's Regiment in Ireland, to be Lieutenant Colonel in his Majeſty's own Royal Regiment of Welch Fuſileers, in the Room of Lieutenant Colonel Newſham Peers, preferr'd.

Major James Beſchefer, of Colonel Richard Onſlow's Regiment, to be Lieutenant Colonel to Major General Thomas Howard's Regiment of Foot, in the Room of Lieutenant Colonel Douglas, preferr'd.

Major Francis Thompſon, of Lieutenant General Churchill's Regiment of Dragoons, to be Lieutenant Colonel in Colonel William Robinſon's Regiment of Marines.

Major Robert Frazer, of Major General Harriſon's Regiment of Foot, to be Lieutenant Colonel in Colonel Lowther's Regiment of Marines.

Right Honourable Lord Elibank, Major to Colonel Ponſonby's Regiment of Foot, to be Lieutenant Colonel in Colonel Wynyard's Regiment of Marines.

Major Thomas Blagrave, of Colonel Blakeney's Regiment of Foot, to be Lieutenant Colonel in Colonel Lewis Ducie Moreton's Regiment of Marines.

Major Jacob Peachell, of Major General Roger Handaſyd's Regiment of Foot, to be Lieutenant Colonel in the ſaid Regiment, in the Room of Lieutenant Colonel William Robinſon, preferr'd.

Captain Humphrey Watſon, to be Major to Colonel Edward Wolfe's Regiment of Marines.

Captain William Stammers, of Colonel Blakeney's Regiment, to be Major to the ſaid Regiment, in the Room of Major Blagrave, preferr'd.

Captain John Adams, of Major General Handaſyd's Regiment of Foot, to be Major to the ſaid Regiment, in the Room of Major Peachell, preferr'd.

Captain Benjamin Gregg, of Brigadier Cornwallis's Regiment, to be Major to Colonel Robinſon's Regiment of Marines.

Captain Michael Doyne, of Brigadier Read's Regiment, to be Major to the ſaid Regiment, in the Room of Major Dabſac, preferr'd.

Captain Patrick Edmonſtone, of Colonel Ponſonby's Regiment, to be Major to Colonel Lowther's Regiment of Marines.

Captain Edmund Martin, of Colonel Onſlow's Regiment of Foot, to be Major to the ſaid Regiment, in the Room of Major Beſchefer, preferr'd.

Captain Richard Hull, of Colonel Campbell's Regiment of Dragoons, to be Major to Colonel Wynyard's Regiment of Marines.

Captain